

RUQAYYAH ABDUL-KARIM

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EDUCATION:

Columbia University, Columbia College, New York, NY
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Pre-Medical Studies, May 2010

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Campus Life Leadership Award, Columbia University (2010)
Robert Harron Award, Columbia University (2009)
Bronze Crown Leadership Award, Columbia University (2009)
John W. Kluge Scholar, Columbia University Scholars Program (2006-2010)

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Medical ethics; medical anthropology; health care disparities; community health.

RESEARCH AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 09/2010-Present
Pre-Doctoral Fellow – Department of Bioethics

- Mentored research projects on incidental genetic findings in clinical and community-based research.
- Participation in bioethics and clinical research seminars, journal club and works-in-progress seminars, ethics consultations, and Ethics Committee meetings.
- Participation in Internal Medicine rounds at the National Naval Medical Center.
- Attendance at IRB meetings for the National Institute on Drug Abuse as an observer.

Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY 05/2010-Present
Research Assistant – Center for Bioethics

- Investigation of egg donation agencies and clinics to determine adherence to ethical guidelines outlined by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

Health Careers Connection, Gouverneur Healthcare Services, New York, NY 06/2009-08/2009
Administrative Intern – Department of Medical and Professional Affairs

- Coordinated three research projects on preventative medicine and improvement of patient care.
 - Social and Psychological Barriers to Patient Wellness
 - Barriers to Physical Fitness in Low-income Populations
 - Educating Patient Populations on the Importance Preconception Care in Women of Childbearing Age
- Drafted an informational pamphlet on women's health and disease prevention to be marketed directly to Gouverneur patients.

Summer Research Fellowship Program, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY 06/2008-08/2008
Intern – Department of Surgery

- Shadowed surgeons in pre-operative surgical care and observed cardiopulmonary and gastrointestinal surgeries.
- Assisted nurses in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit with post-operative patient care.

Intern – Department of Pathology 06/2007-12/2007

- Performed and assisted in post-mortem evaluations and released patients to funeral homes or the Medical Examiner's Office.
- Organized patient records, kept inventory of stocks, and acted as a liaison between departments in obtaining medical records.

Research Assistant – Center for Excellence in Youth Education 08/2007-11/2007

- Observing Cultural Behavior in Setting (OCBIS) Coder – Studied and measured the cultural competency of medical students in standardized patient interviews by screening interview video recordings for instances of cultural elicitation.

EMPLOYMENT:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Columbia University

Co-chair, Senior Intern, Culture Show Committee Chair – Multicultural Recruitment Committee 01/2007-08/2010

- Plan events and programming geared towards underrepresented populations.
- Coordinate Perspectives on Diversity Weekend for admitted students.

Senior Interviewer, Student Travel Coordinator, Tour Guide – Undergraduate Recruitment Committee 01/2008-08/2010

- Coordinate and assign student admissions representatives for high school college fairs in the New York City area.
- Travel with admissions officers conduct entrance interviews with prospective undergraduate applicants.

Undergraduate Housing, Columbia University

05/2008-08/2008

Resident Assistant

- Counseled summer residents in Housing policies and eased adjustment to New York City for international visiting students.
- Organized community programming, outings, and activities for summer residents.

Department of Biological Sciences, Columbia University

12/2006-06/2008

Laboratory Assistant

- Responsible for growing, maintaining, and rehabilitating fruit fly (*Drosophila*) stocks.
- Prepared food medium and trays which housed *Drosophila* stocks and rotated stocks into fresh trays as needed.

LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES:

Columbia College Student Council, Class of 2010 – *Senior Dinner Co-Chair, Events Committee Chair*

09/2009-05/2010

Mentoring in Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine – *Volunteer, Participant*

06/2009-05/2010

Columbia University Black Students' Organization – *President, Secretary, Historian*

12/2007-05/2009

Charles Drew Premedical Society – *Premedical Undergraduate Mentoring Program (P.U.M.P.) Mentor*

09/2007-05/2010

Columbia University Scholars Program Mentoring Initiative

09/2007-05/2008

Summer Medical and Dental Education Program, Yale School of Medicine

06/2006-08/2006

SKILLS:

Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook), Intermediate Spanish